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**CENTRAL ARIZONA
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held as a part of the Christmas Party on December 9th. Social hour at 1 p.m., lunch at 2 p.m. If you haven't made your reservations yet, call Electra Elliott or Marge Jantz post haste. This is a catered meal, and we will only be able to guarantee food for those who have made reservations.

JANURARY MEETINGS: There will be two meetings in January, 1991. Dr. Lau will speak on January 6th, and we will have our usual meeting the last Sunday (Jan. 27). The packets for show exhibitors will be available and discussed on Jan. 27.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee has recommended the following slate for 1991:

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| President | K. Jantz |
| V.F., Administration | J. Dravetz |
| V.F., Programs | J. Elliott |
| Secretary | G. Temple |
| Treasurer | E. Steichman |
| Affiliate Director | M. Gallagher |
| Directors | D. Korobkin |
| | R. Rosenberg |
| | H. Triesler |
| | E. Elliott |
| | L. Fischer |

Our by-laws now call for one half of the Directors to be elected each year. This gives us continuity on the Board. Therefore, up to three of the above Director's positions will be available for re-election at the end of 1991. Our by-laws authorize up to six Directors. If there are any who would like to serve as a Director, please call Marge Jantz or Elaine Steichman.

There were no nominations from the floor during the regular meeting. Nominations may be made prior to voting on the slate of officers December 9. You do not need meal reservations to attend the business meeting portion and vote for the slate of officers.

LAST MEETING: Dr. Laura Jackson of the Gardens gave an excellent talk on the ecological balance of the flora and fauna of the desert. She gave a new perspective to the challenges of managing of our native plants in the various parks and reservations in light of the problem of controlling the herbivores which feed on the plants. These areas can be considered as islands of desert in the middle of our urban setting. As we destroy the native plant population, the herbivores change their feeding habits & eat on plants other than their usual preference. The problem is best considered in light of the youngest Saguahro to be found in Papago Park which is about 50 years old. Disruption of the native habitat has made it impossible for new Saguahro seedlings to take hold and flourish. Rabbits in particular flourish because of the abundant food available in our cultivated

yards and golf courses. As the rabbit population increases, the excess is driven into the desert parks and do considerable damage. Their natural predators have either been diminished or driven from the area by civilization, and population control primarily depends upon starvation.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP: During the regular meeting, a majority of members voted to drop the 100% affiliation status of the Society, and collect dues for membership in Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society only. If individual members wish to take the Journal, they may enter their own subscription. Soooo....The current structure is:

Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society dues:

Member	\$12.00 / year
Associate Member	\$ 2.50 / year

For membership purposes, the year runs from Jan 1, to Dec. 31 each year. Dues are due by Jan 1.

Cactus & Succulent Journal

New structure established by them is \$30 per year for a subscription, which includes membership in Cactus and Succulent Society of America (new requirement this year). The Associate fee for them is \$6.00 per year. A subscription may be taken out by sending the required amount to:

Karen Hickey, Business Manager
Cactus & Succulent Society of America
P.O. Box 368
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Due to the confusion caused by the restructure of the subscription, you have until Jan. 1, 1991 to renew an existing subscription without paying a penalty.

The Central Arizona Cactus & Succulent Society, Inc. will continue to take a subscription to the Cactus and Succulent Journal, and it will be available in our library.

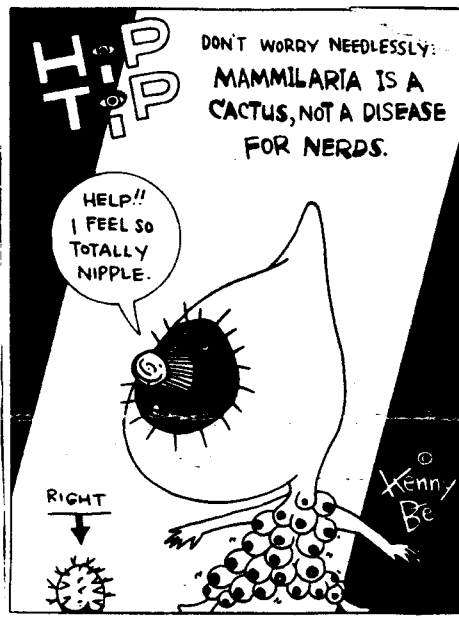
For those members who have already paid their 1991 dues, the Treasurer will be refunding the difference based on our new dues structure.

UPCOMING TRIPS: Jim Elliott is planning a visit to Bisbee to tour David Epperle's research facility. Tentative thoughts are sometime in April, 1991. A couple of options are being considered--A bus down on Saturday and return on Sunday, or down and back on one of those days. If you have any preferences, please let Jim Elliott know.

1991 SHOW: The 1991 show will be April 5th through 8th, 1991. Set up will be the morning of April 5th, we will accept plants from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 5th, Judging will be April 6th, awards party the evening of April 6th, and the show will be open to the public as a part of the DBG Cactus

Festival on April 7th and 8th. Plants may not be removed from the show prior to the designated time on the 8th. A full packet of schedule, rules, classifications, entry tickets, etc., will be available at the Jan. 28 meeting.

NOTE: The CAC&SS Board voted to discontinue providing refreshments as a part of the regular meeting. There is a full service snack bar located behind Webster offering a wide range of beverages, sandwiches, and snacks.



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COURTESY OF DEBRA KOROBKIN